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EXCHANGE PROBLEM WILL BE DISCUSSED

Bankers Of America and Allied Countries To Attend Conference

Washington, Nov. 29.—The federal reserve board probably will designate an unofficial adviser to take part in a conference of allied bankers to discuss means of preventing exchange fluctuations upon the payment of German indemnity installments, high treasury officials said today. The conference is expected to be called in London, or Paris, shortly.

An invitation to participate in the conference was tendered this government by the banks of issue of England, France, Italy and other allied countries. The United States probably would not be officially represented, they said, but the presence of an advisor of the reserve board would permit the presentation of the American viewpoint.

Officials here indicated that it was more than probable that Roland T. Boyden, observer for this government before the reparations commission, would be asked to serve as unofficial representative of the reserve board at the exchange discussions, while continuing in his present capacity.

Exchange discussion at the coming conference, officials declared, would be confined to devising means of avoiding disturbance of exchange ratios by the payment on the German indemnity in January and later, and would not include any proposals for international exchange stabilization, settlement of the foreign debt propositions or other world economic problems.

The effect upon American exchange it was said, had been carefully noted by the administration.

While the possibility of any immediate discussion of international economic questions tending to world readjustment was discounted both in official circles and among the delegates of the limitation of armaments conference, it was indicated strongly that some such international conference may be held later.

Spokesmen for both the British and Italian armament delegations today declared their governments had no desire to go beyond the agenda of the present conference, but indicated a favorable attitude towards a later exchange of views on the war debts.

The attitude of the American government towards an international economic conference was that some effort must be made to solve the angle of world difficulties, but not during the present armament conference.

The administration, it was asserted, takes the opinion that the nations should first determine whether unanimity of action could be obtained, internationally through the present conference before attempting to extend the field for concerted action by the leading countries of the world.

Germany's Future Payments

Germany is required to pay 500,000,000 marks of gold on Jan. 1, 1922, and about \$5,000,000 marks on February 15, the latter payment being the quarterly installment of the 26 per cent on the estimated value of German exports during the last quarter of 1921. These payments are due under the reparations agreement between the allies and Germany of last March, of which France is to receive 52 per cent, Great Britain 26 per cent, Italy 10 per cent, the remainder going to the smaller allied and associated states.

The German treasury, according to authoritative statement in Berlin feels itself able to cover these payments, but doubts whether its resources will be sufficient to meet installments of the same amount coming due April 1 and May 15, 1922. Authoritative opinion in the French armament delegation is that while the meeting of representatives of the banks of issue may give temporary assistance to Germany on the question of exchange, something more comprehensive must be done early in the new year to restore the value of the German marks abroad or Germany may not be able to meet subsequent installments.

The only solution, it is felt, that might be adequate would be one arrived at by an international conference in which to assure success the United States as the dominant financial power, must take part. The de-

sire exists to have the American government call such a conference.

LEAVE FOR OWENSBORO

Misses Amelia Pirtle, Gertrude Schlemmer, Margaret King, Hartford, Vinita Barnard, Dundee and Ellis Lloyd of Narrows, who were taking the business course offered at this place under the auspices of the Owensboro Business school, owing to the abandonment of the project here, left for Owensboro Wednesday, to complete their studies to the point of graduation.

HARTFORD GIRL GOES TO ALBANY, ALABAMA

Miss Kennedy Collins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Collins, of Hartford, has accepted a position with Penney and Whitman, a firm of Albany, Ala., engaged in the insurance and real estate business. Miss Collins' duties with the Alabama firm will be stenography and book-keeping. She takes the position recently made vacant by the promotion of Miss Gussie Bennett, who was transferred to the general office at Montgomery, Ala. Miss Collins will leave Tuesday.

ROADS GIVE LEASES ON REPAIR SHOPS

To Avoid U. S. Jurisdiction Lines Let Out Plants

New York, Nov. 28.—Reports that several of the large Eastern railroads had leased their repair shops to outside companies or were considering plans to conclude such leases were confirmed today by railroad executives. It was explained that the desire to effect greater economies in operation together with the recent controversies over rules and working conditions had prompted the roads to relinquish control of their shops, thus removing repair work from jurisdiction of the railroad labor board and the established wage scale which the latter insists shall be paid.

It was announced that the Erie had leased its operating freight stations at Elmira, Buffalo and Binghamton, N. Y., to a Binghamton company, and that it was preparing to lease its shops at Youngstown, O., to a private firm for repair work.

The New York Central also has leased its repair shops at Toledo, O., and East Buffalo, N. Y., to a private company, and is reported to be considering a plan to make similar arrangements in connection with its passenger repair shops at West Albany.

BAZAAR A SUCCESS

The Bazaar given by the Ladies at the Methodist church was a success from every standpoint. The gross receipts being \$150.00 or approximately that amount. The occasion was enjoyed by all who took a part therein. The event is worth while, as it brings together members of the various churches of the community and the social intercourse is found to result to the good of the neighborhood.

L. G. GANDY DIES

L. G. Gandy, mine superintendent for the Broadway Coal Mining Co., at Simmons, this county, died at his home in Broadway Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Death was due to severe injuries received from an immense slate fall, June 17, last, his body being so crushed that complete paralysis of the lower portion of his body resulted.

Mr. Gandy although a comparatively young man, had been superintendent for the Company for some time.

The remains of the deceased were started from Broadway early yesterday morning for Morgantown, W. Va., his former home, where burial will take place.

Mr. Gandy is survived by his wife and two small children.

LECTURE AT BAPTIST CHURCH THIS EVENING

At the local Baptist church this evening at 7 o'clock, the Rev. W. W. Williams of Owensboro, will deliver his lecture "The Aims of Life." Rev. Williams is pastor of the Eaton Memorial Baptist Church of Owensboro, and a good and instructive speaker.

The invitation to be present is extended to all. No admittance fee will be charged but a freewill offering is to be taken.

CIRCUIT COURT IN REGULAR SESSION

Last Term To Be Held By Present Officials.

The Ohio Circuit Court convened at Court hall Monday with Judge R. W. Slack at the helm and Commonwealth Attorney C. E. Smith and County Attorney A. D. Kirk representing the State and County, A. C. Porter presiding at the clerk's desk. In this, the last session to be conducted by these officials during their present term of office, in Ohio County.

The following petit jury was empaneled: A. E. Pate, John R. Daniel, C. D. Bean, W. W. Daugherty, J. E. Bean, J. A. Duke, C. H. Farmer, J. T. Helton, E. W. Jackson, A. S. Chinn, W. L. McKernon, John W. Thomas, J. J. Jarnagin, E. P. Barnard, Fred Boone, J. C. Ralph, James Gray, M. F. Faught, R. P. McDowell, Will Chick, Stonewall Cook, R. W. Maddox, M. D. King, and A. R. Carson. The jury, after being empaneled was dismissed until Friday.

The following named citizens were sworn in as members of the grand jury: George T. Tinsley, John B. Brown, R. C. Tichenor, J. P. Cambron, C. A. Crowe, O. R. Tinsley, J. W. Allen, Walden Haynes, Clayton Bozarth, E. G. Barrass, O. M. Bishop and R. H. Gillespie. E. G. Barrass was designated as foreman, and O. R. Tinsley Sheriff.

The Grand Jury had returned 44 indictments up to 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, 43 of which were for violation of the liquor laws, the other being for carrying concealed deadly weapons.

Nearly all of the civil actions were continued or set forward, some going over for trial today. The criminal actions were continued to Tuesday, of next week, when it is presumed the Grand Jury will have completed its labors.

The Court is certain to be in session during the first half of next week and perhaps longer.

The Grand Jury has in all probability set a record for work, having returned more than 14 indictments per day during the three days reported.

MRS. LUCY KLEIN DEAD REMAINS BURIED HERE

Mrs. Lucy Klein, widow of the late John M. Klein, died at her home in Vincennes, Ind., Tuesday. The remains were conveyed to Hartford, arriving at 2:20 yesterday afternoon and burial took place immediately thereafter, at Oakwood.

Mrs. Klein was originally a Miss Lawton, daughter of Judge Charles J. Lawton and was born and reared in Hartford, having resided at this some time after the death of her husband until near 20 years ago, and band, when she, together with her children, removed to Indiana.

Mrs. Klein has a number of friends amongst the older generation in this community who will regret to learn of the good woman's passing away.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY DINNER

On last Monday morning in the little town of Sulphur Springs a crowd of neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Alex Harrison with loaded baskets for a surprise dinner. Mrs. Harrison going to the store, did not return until late, when she came in the table was bountifully spread and the dining room was crowded to its utmost capacity with friends and neighbors with many presents awaiting her. So we all cried and laughed and spent a real pleasant day.

We were entertained with music and some recitations. Those present were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. G. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Magan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duff, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Duff, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hunt, Mrs. Kate Foreman, Mrs. R. J. Duff, Mrs. Byron Truman, Mrs. Romney Acton, Mrs. S. S. Acton, Mrs. Fanny Powers, Mrs. Annie Midkiff, Mrs. Paul Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Cully Harrison, Miss Ora Day, and Mr. Buck Midkiff.

MISS GLENN ENTERTAINS

Miss Lelia Glenn entertained the Black Cat Club at the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. J. S. Glenn, Saturday afternoon, at progressive five hundred. Quite a number of guests were present to enjoy the games and the delicious luncheon served at their conclusion.

BRITAIN SUBMITS NEW IRISH PLANS

Sinn Fein Gets Proposals Which If Approved By Dail, Will Be Put To Ulster.

London, Nov. 29.—An anxious day in the negotiations designed for the pacification of Ireland ended tonight with the hope that a complete collapse of the parleys might be averted.

Sir James Craig, Premier of Ulster, as was expected, declare before the Northern Parliament in Belfast that Ulster had refused absolutely to accept an All-Ireland Parliament, demanded as a solution by the Sinn Fein delegation. But he announced Ulster's willingness to discuss other proposals for an Irish settlement if they were submitted by next Tuesday.

Premier David Lloyd George immediately summoned the Sinn Fein delegates to consult with him and his Ministers and submitted to them new proposals which, if they meet with the approval of the Sinn Fein will be presented to the Ulster officials before next Tuesday. The nature of the alternative proposals will not be divulged pending their consideration by the Sinn Feiners.

The situation still is very critical owing to the double deadlock—Ulster refusing to enter an All-Ireland Parliament and the Sinn Fein refusing steadily to yield on the question of allegiance to the Crown. The negotiations, however, have not been broken off and may be continued on a new basis.

Eamon de Valera has left Dublin for a tour of his constituencies.

In his address before the Northern Parliament today Sir James Craig informed the members—as he had told the British Prime Minister the first day he met him which he described as "black Saturday"—that such a scheme as an all-Ireland parliament was "impossible, utterly impossible."

LOCAL SCHOOL'S PUPILS GET PHYSICAL ONCE-OVER

On the initiative of the Hartford Parent-Teacher Association, Dr. D. W. Griffith of Owensboro, throat, eye ear and nose specialist, made an examination of all the pupils in both the graded and high schools Monday of this week. Mrs. E. B. Pendleton of Hartford, assisted in the work.

Comparatively few of the students were found to be in immediate need of treatment on account of affection of the organs examined the general standard being given a high rating by the Doctor.

RARE PHENOMENON

The writer in company with Dr. J. R. Pirtle went to Grassy last week for a short outing, mooring our boat on the banks of that little body of water where we remained during the torrential rain which fell during the entire night of last Friday. Not being able to sleep very much, due to the downpour upon the roof near our heads and the thin walls of the craft, we got out of our bunk at low twelve, going to an open window where we were attracted by a light that penetrated the inky-black darkness. We were stricken dumb, almost, by what we first believed to be an unusually bright comet, but how, in all reason could a comet be seen through such impenetrable gloom as surrounded everything on this night? But the stream of greatly elongated light was before us, that fact was as plain as any ever presented to the human eye. For the time being we gave it up and crawled between our blankets again, but not to sleep, as morpheus was as elusive as the rainbow itself. Later, the rain increased and the darkness could almost be felt, except for the light given off from toward the east, the cause of which was yet unexplainable. We again got out of bed to make further inspection, the light having grown more perceptible. It might have been millions of miles away, as all comets are, from the vision we had which was just about the same direction or location of the sun at 5:30 in the spring time. The stream of light was, according to our best estimate, it viewed at close range, 9 feet in length. We, for some reason decided to cast the rays from a good flash-light in the direction of that bothering us so much, and to our utter surprise, a dead snag was revealed upon the bank above and not more than 15 or 16 feet distant, upon one side of which was a row of fungus at almost regular intervals,

shaped as a palm leaf fan and perhaps slightly larger than a silver half-dollar. This fungus growth upon the decaying snag was radiating the light, strong enough to be noticed upon the wall of the house boat at the last time inspected, 3:30 a. m. The snag was apparently sound upon the outer sides, in fact, rather hard and no rotten wood could have been exposed, and therefore no fox fire could have been detected, but the light was given off solely by the small fungus growths which in daylight had the appearance in color and fiber of the common toadstool, only slightly more bleached, although very hard and tough.

LADY MACCABEES HOLD SUCCESSFUL MEETING

The Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees, gave a measuring party at the Fraternity hall Thanksgiving night which was voted a success. The ladies had for their guests their brothers, members of Hartford Tent No. 99, Knights of the Maccabees. Each Knight present was required to be measured and according to notice theretofore given, via the invitations sent out, the total length of the Sir Knights present netted the Sister lodge \$25.00 and in addition the brethren donated the sum of \$15. A much enjoyed program of recitations, songs and music was rendered.

MR. AND MRS. R. B. MARTIN ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Martin entertained at six o'clock dinner, at their home on Clay Street, Tuesday evening. An elegant and well arranged repast was enjoyed by the following guests: Judge Robert W. Slack, Judge Mack Cook, Commonwealth's Attorney C. E. Smith, Messrs. E. G. Barrass, S. O. Keown, W. S. Tinsley and Mr. and Mrs. Otto C. Martin and children.

Those present appeared to be in a reminiscent mood and the time, until 9 o'clock was pleasantly spent in listening to conversations of that character. Judge Slack being the chief of those heard, as due to his years of wide and varied experience and ever ready wit, few who gather in his company entertain as does he.

PRISONERS MAKE FUTILE ATTEMPT FOR LIBERTY

Henry Daugherty and Roy Hines, who are in confinement in the County jail under charges of violating the liquor laws made an unsuccessful attempt for liberty late in the afternoon Wednesday of last week. Jailor Tichenor, accompanied by Mrs. Tichenor, had gone into the jail to release a prisoner. The jailer turned the bolt which locks the doors of the entire tier of cells in which the prisoners who attempted to escape were, but they had pushed them open slightly or had done something to prevent their locking and when the door of the cell in which the prisoner to be released was opened Daugherty and Hines ran out at the same time, knocking the jailer down and pushing Mrs. Tichenor aside, made their escape thru the rear door. Pursuit was immediately given and each fleeing prisoner caught before they reached the outskirts of town, and returned to the awaiting cells where they now repose.

OFFICERS-ELECT CAUCUS ON OWENSBORO BERTHS

Owensboro Ky., Nov. 29.—LeVega Clements will be the next city Attorney of Owensboro, it was decided today at a caucus of the Mayor-elect and the commissioners-elect. Mr. Clements took an active part in the Democratic campaign this fall.

John Lyons, for seventeen years an Owensboro patrolman, will be Chief of Police.

Joseph E. Jackson, Deputy United States Marshal, will be night Chief of Police.

Edward Cureton will be retained as Chief of the Fire Department, and William Watson will remain as head of the municipal plants. James Richardson will be City Clerk and E. B. Shifley City Engineer.

MRS. BIRKHEAD ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Ernest E. Birkhead entertained the Ladies' Social Club at her home Friday afternoon of last week in honor of her sister, Mrs. A. V. Goodin of Charleston, Mo. A number of games of Progressive Rook were played, after which the many guests were served with a dainty luncheon.

NAVAL STAND OF U. S. GAINS WITH NATIONS

America Firm In 5-5-3 Ratio Despite Japan's Plea For Increase

Washington, Nov. 29.—As the arms conference approaches the season of its momentous decisions there are indications of constantly growing support for the principles suggested at the outset by the American government.

Behind the "5-5-3" ratio of naval strength the American delegates are mustering increasing pressure, with every confidence of success, despite the effort of Japan to secure a modification in her favor. Similarly, in the far eastern negotiations, the American "four points" are becoming more and more a real charter of rights for China, guiding the policy of the conference as it begins discussion of the presence of foreign troops on Chinese soil.

The American determination to stand solidly behind the "5-5-3" naval ratio was reiterated with even greater emphasis today as a reflex from the statement of Vice Admiral Kato that Japan must have a larger proportionate strength if her national needs are to be adequately served.

The American position is that if national needs are to be the basis of the discussions, any change in the ratio probably would be adverse to Japan, rather than in her favor. The yardstick of existing strength, which the American plan has sought to apply, is declared by the American delegates to show beyond doubt that the "5-5-3" formula is "liberal" as it applies to the Japanese navy. To what extent the Japanese insistence might be carried was uncertain tonight, but Prince Tokugawa of the Japanese delegates softened the expressions of Vice Admiral Kato by pointing out that in asking for 10-10-7 ratio the admiral had been speaking merely his own personal convictions.

Because of uncertainty over the Japanese position a meeting of the international subcommittee of naval experts was adjourned without action today, and another meeting was called for tomorrow. Meantime there were suggestions that a plenary session of the conference might be held early next week to receive the subcommittee report, but no formal call was issued.

In any event, it is expected that the real issue will be decided in the individual conferences now proceeding between the delegates of the United States, Great Britain and Japan. In American quarters there was optimism that the agreement would be reached within a few days, but no one would make a definite prediction.

On the side of actual progress today's developments were confined to the far eastern negotiations, the representatives of the nine participating nations agreeing to a declaration for abolition of their extra territorial rights in China. The acceptance of that principle through application of the American "four points" was regarded generally as a long step toward the liberation of China from foreign administration, although the exact date of withdrawal is to be determined by each of the nations for itself after an international commission has investigated the facilities of the Chinese judicial system.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The purpose of the American delegation to the arms conference to accept no modification of Secretary Hughes' proposed "5-5-3" ratio of naval strength as the fundamental basis of any limitation agreement was authoritatively reiterated today. The statement was backed by disclosure of the fact as to existing naval strength. This showed Japan to have less than the 60 per cent status to which the 5-5-3 plan would entitle her, no matter what method of calculation was applied. It showed also that the American delegates had been over the whole field before offering the plan and that their figures were correct.

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